

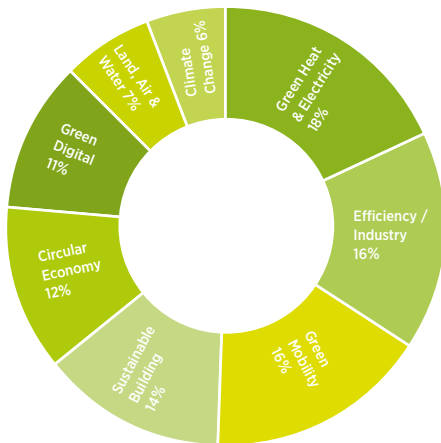


GREEN TECH VALLEY  
**RESEARCH MAP**  
**#1 IN GREEN TECH**

# GREEN TECH VALLEY RESEARCH MAP

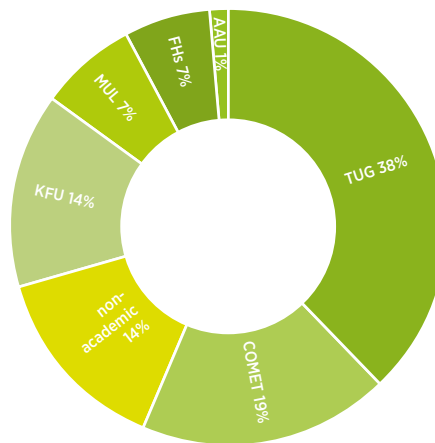
The #1 technology hotspot for climate protection and the circular economy in Southern Austria brings together over 2,300 Green Tech researchers at academic and non-academic institutions. With an R&D ratio of some 5% Styria is one of the leading regions in Europe.

**Green Tech  
Key Areas of Focus**



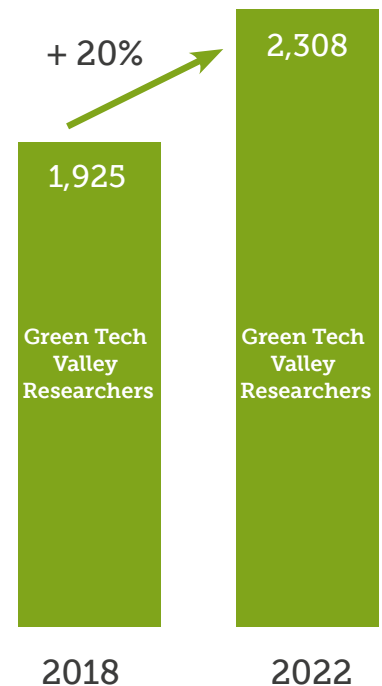
Researchers in the Green Tech Valley are dedicated to the sustainable solutions of the future. The primary focus lies here, at 18%, on the topics of Green Heat & Green Electricity. However, there is also a strong focus on: Efficiency/Industry (16%), Green Mobility (16%), Sustainable Building (14%), Circular Economy (12%) and Green Digital (11%).

**Green Tech Researchers  
by Institution**



The majority of researchers in the Green Tech Valley are located at the Graz University of Technology - TU Graz (38%), followed by the COMET competence centres (19%), the Karl Franzens University of Graz (14%), the Montanuniversität Leoben (7%), the Universities of Applied Sciences (7%) as well as the University of Klagenfurt (1%). Further researchers are employed at non-academic-facilities (14%).

**Growth**



The number of researchers in the Green Tech Valley, in comparison to 2018, has increased significantly. In the year 2022, a 20% increase is anticipated in research staff in the Green Tech Sector. Carinthia and Styria benefit equally. In total, over 2,300 scientists are dedicated to the development of green innovation.

## Austria comparison

### Environmental Engineering Centres under the COMET Program

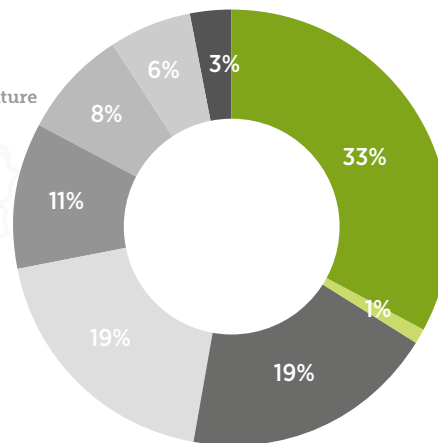
Source: Ongoing FFG-funded COMET centres/projects/modules



“Dynamic” is the battle cry driving forward development of the Green Tech Valley and research competence in the location. 14 out of 18 Environmental Engineering Centres of the COMET program are in Styria.

### Green Tech Valley #1 in Model Region Energy Projects

Source: Climate & Energy Fund – Number of partners in projects, n=219

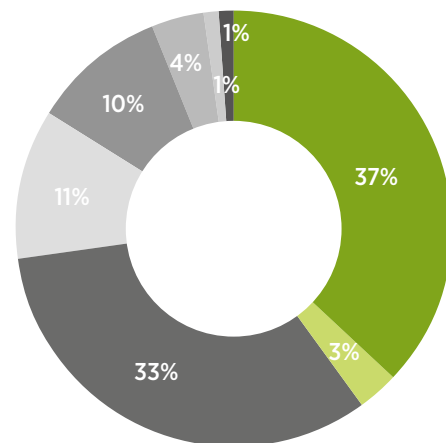


- Styria
- Carinthia
- Upper Austria
- Vienna
- Lower Austria
- Salzburg
- Tyrol
- Burgenland

The Green Tech Valley is the leading region for energy research. 1/3 of all the partners in the FTI model region energy initiative, with the goal of developing innovative energy technologies in Austria, comes from the south of Austria.

### Green Tech Valley #1 in Renewables Energy Research

Source: FFG-funded projects, www.energieforschung.at, n=244



- Styria
- Carinthia
- Vienna
- Tyrol
- Lower Austria
- Burgenland
- Vorarlberg

Here too the Green Tech Valley comes out the top. 40% of Austrian renewable energy research is located in the region.



## GREEN HEAT

### Heat Generation

- Heat Pumps and Transformers, Refrigeration Units, Solar Thermal Energy  
AEE - Renewable Energy, 6
- Biochemical Processes  
TUG - Inst. of Biochemistry, 54
- Model-based Combustion Control, Biomass  
TUG - Inst. of Automation and Control, 72
- Solar Technology, Storage, Energy Research  
TUG - Inst. of Thermal Engineering, 84
- Modelling and Simulation  
BEST - Bioenergy and Sustainable Technologies, 120
- Control and Automation Technology  
BEST - Bioenergy and Sustainable Technologies, 121
- Data, Analysis and Measurement Technology  
BEST - Bioenergy and Sustainable Technologies, 122
- Sustainable Supply and Value Chains  
BEST - Bioenergy and Sustainable Technologies, 123

### Storage / Grids

- Heat Storage, Storage Integration  
AEE - Thermal Energy Storage, 5
- Geothermal Energy, Hydrogen Storage, CO<sub>2</sub> Storage  
MUL - Petroleum, Geothermal Energy Recovery, 94



## EFFICIENCY / INDUSTRY

### Sustainable Industry

- Processes, Decarbonisation by Digitalisation  
AEE - Industrial Systems, 1
- Improvement of Industrial Processes  
FH-J - Inst. Industrial Management, 14
- Structuring Processes, Nano and Fully Integrated Components  
JR-MATERIALS, 23
- Energy System Research, Climate Neutral Manufacturing  
JR-LIFE, 27
- Sustainability Research, Technology Research  
KFU - Inst. of Systems Sciences, Innovation and Sustainability Research, 36
- Green Processes, Green Chemistry  
KFU - Inst. of Chemistry, 48
- CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage  
TUG - Inst. of Analytical Chemistry and Food Chemistry, 51
- Simulation, Industrial Processes  
TUG - Inst. of Mechanics, 69
- Business Models, Processes, Transport Systems  
TUG - Inst. of General Management and Organization, 82
- Ind. Manufacturing Processes, Closing Material Cycles  
MUL - Industrial Environmental Protection and Process Technology, 87
- High Temperature Process Technology, Energy Technology  
MUL - Thermal Processing Technology, 90
- Logistics, Industry 4.0, Environmental Management  
AAU - Inst. of Production, Energy and Environmental Management, 102
- Digital Production  
FH-K - Additive Manufacturing, intelligent Robotics, Sensors and Engineering, 106
- The Circular Economy in Manufacturing  
FH-K - Industrial Engineering and Management, 113
- Process Improvement, Machine Learning  
Fraunhofer Austria, 115
- Functional Materials, Material Design  
Materials Center Leoben, 138
- CO<sub>2</sub>-Negative and Efficient Ind. Processes  
acib - Centre of Industrial Biotechnology, 143

### E-efficiency

- Ind. Processes, Drive Technology, Refrigeration Technology  
TUG - Inst. Of Electric Drives and Machines, 59
- Turbine and Combustion Chamber Concepts  
TUG - Inst. of Thermal Turbomachinery and Machine Dynamics, 79
- Energy System Optimisation, Hybrid Networks, Flexibility  
MUL - Energy Network Technology, 89
- Large Engine Studies, Engine Concepts  
Large Engines Competence Center, 133
- Large Engine Studies, Sensor Technology, System Solutions  
Large Engines Competence Center, 134
- Simulation, Modelling, System Optimisation  
Large Engines Competence Center, 135
- Metallurgical Processes  
KI-MET - Metallurgical Competence Centre, 148



## SUSTAINABLE BUILDING

### Urban and Spatial Planning

- Heating and Cooling Networks, Spatial Energy Planning  
AEE - Cities and Grids, 2
- Transportation Modelling, Infrastructure Studies and Modelling  
JR-LIFE, 29
- Human Geography, Urban Studies  
KFU - Dept. of Geography and Regional Science, 45
- Social-Ecological Transformation  
KFU - Centre for Sustainable Social Transformation, 44
- Sustainable Urban Development  
TUG - Inst. of Urbanism, 74
- Environmental Policy, Environmental Medicine  
TUG - Inst. of Highway Engineering and Transport Planning, 75

### Building and Refurbishment

- Zero and Energy-Plus Buildings, Building Refurbishment  
AEE - Buildings, 3
- Lighting, Sensor Technology, Building Control  
JR-MATERIALS, 22
- Solar Houses, Building Ecology  
TUG - Inst. of Architectural Theory, Art and Cultural Studies, 52
- Sustainable Agriculture, Construction  
TUG - Inst. of Buildings and Energy, 64
- Sensor Monitored Building Technology  
TUG - Inst. of Timber Engineering and Wood Technology, 66
- Building Ecology, Concrete Research  
TUG - Inst. Of Materials Testing and Building Materials Technology, 68
- Sustainable Construction  
FH-K - Construction Needs Nature, 110

### Sustainable (Timber) Construction

- Timber Construction, Circular Economy in Building & Construction Sector  
FH-J - Inst. of Architecture and Civil Engineering, 8
- Building Ecology, Sustainable Technologies  
TUG - Inst. for Building Physics, Services and Construction, 53
- LCA of Buildings and Structural Components  
TUG - Inst. of Structural Design, 80
- Smart Building Materials, Green Concrete  
FH-K - Carinthian Institute for Smart Materials, 109
- Sustainable Timber Construction, Material Substitution  
acib - Centre of Industrial Biotechnology, 142



**Research Hotspot for  
Climate & Circular Solutions**



**> 2,300 Green Tech  
Researchers**



**> 5% R&D quota  
(leading in Europe)**



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## CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS

### Waste resource management

- Digital Waste Technology, Future Waste, Battery Recycling  
MUL - Waste Processing Technology and Waste Management, 88
- Materials Technology, Metals and Battery Recycling  
MUL - Nonferrous Metallurgy, 91
- Process Procedures, Treatment Techniques  
MUL - Mineral Processing, 92
- Recycled Plastics  
Polymer Competence Center, 132
- Plastic & Textile Recycling  
acib - Centre of Industrial Biotechnology, 141
- Metallurgical Materials  
KI-MET - Metallurgical Competence Center, 147

### Material substitution

- Sustainable Foodstuffs and Process Development  
FH-J - Applied Production Sciences, 13
- Product Life Cycle, Sustainable Product Management  
KFU - CD Lab for Sustainable Product Management, 35
- Environmental Chemistry, Biopolymers  
TUG - Institute IBioSys, 55
- Renewable Raw Materials, Fibre Technology  
TUG - Institute of Bioproducts and Paper Technology, 70
- Elastomer and Thermoset Technology, Polymer Research  
MUL - Materials Science and Testing of Polymers, 93
- Eco-Design, Logistics  
FH-K - Additive Manufacturing in Agile Virtual Systems for Product and Production Design, 112
- Chemistry of Functional Polymers  
Polymer Competence Center, 131
- Material Substitution, Mobility and Hydrogen Storage  
Materials Center Leoben, 136
- Biofuels  
acib - Centre of Industrial Biotechnology, 140
- Materials Research and Process Technology  
Wood K Plus, 149



## GREEN DIGITAL

### Green IT

- Power Electronics, Battery and Fuel Cells  
FH-J - Inst. Electronic Engineering, 11
- IT Applications and Mechanical Engineering  
TUG - Dept. of Engineering- and Business Informatics, 67
- Environmental IT  
TUG - Inst. of Interactive Systems and Data Science, 86
- Computing, Resource Management, Analysis, Prediction  
AAU - Inst. Information Technology, 95
- Digital Twin, Geometry Processing / CAD  
Fraunhofer Austria, 114
- Power Electronics  
Silicon Austria Labs, 118

### Robotics / Software

- IT Security, Software Development  
FH-J - Dept. of Internet Technologies & Applications, 12
- XR, UX Design, Digital Training  
FH-J - Dept. of Design & Communication, 15
- Environmental Monitoring, GIS (Geographic Information Systems)  
JR-DIGITAL, 17
- IT Security, Cyber Security, Defence  
JR-DIGITAL, 20
- Modelling, Fluid Mechanics  
TUG - Institute of Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer, 76
- Wireless Networks, Multi-drone / Robot Systems  
AAU - RG Mobile Systems, 97
- Cyber-Physical Systems, Swarm Intelligence  
Lakeside Labs, 116
- Machine Learning, Edge Computing  
Silicon Austria Labs, 119
- Material-Simulation  
Materials Center Leoben, 137

### AI / IoT / Sensor Technology

- Machine Vision, Industrial Inspection, Image Analysis  
JR-DIGITAL, 18
- Audio and Acoustics, Sensor Technology and Digital Signal Processing  
JR-DIGITAL, 19
- Information Management, Cloud / Edge Computing  
JR-DIGITAL, 21
- Chemo and Bio Sensors  
JR-MATERIALS, 25
- Energy Eff. Signal Processing, Energy Harvesting, Sensor Communication  
AAU - Inst. Intelligent Systems, 96
- IoT, Smart mobility, grids, factories  
AAU - RG Embedded Systems, 98
- Drone-based Environmental Monitoring  
FH-K - Spatial Informatics for Environmental Applications, 111
- Photonics, Sensors  
Silicon Austria Labs, 117
- Data-driven Business and Artificial Intelligence  
Know-Center, 150



## GREEN MOBILITY

### E-mobility

- Sustainable Mobility, Vehicle Concepts  
FH-J - Inst. of Automotive Engineering, 9
- Fuel Cells, Lightweight Construction, LCA  
FH-J - Inst. of Aviation, 10
- E-Mobility, Battery Research, Second Life  
TUG - Inst. of Vehicle Safety, 62
- eGrids, eBattery  
FH-K - Electrical Energy & Mobility Systems, 107
- Simulation & Modelling  
Polymer Competence Center, 130
- Virtual Vehicle Development, Connected & Automated Driving  
Virtual Vehicle, 144
- Safety & Security, System Simulation & Digital Twin  
Virtual Vehicle, 145
- Digital Twin, Simulation & Digitalisation  
Virtual Vehicle, 146

### Mobility Research

- Mobility Studies, Vehicle Technology  
TUG - Inst. of Vehicle Safety, 63
- Logistics Optimisation  
TUG - Inst. of Logistics Engineering, 78
- Mobility Research, Pollutant Emissions Technology  
TUG - Inst. of Thermodynamics and Sustainable Propulsion Systems, 83
- Algorithms, Improvement Tasks  
AAU - Inst. of Mathematics, 100

### Land / Air / Water

- Closed-Loop Water Recycling, Recycling of Reusable Materials  
AEE - Water and Process Technologies, 4
- Hydrology and Climate Change  
KFU - Institute for Earth Sciences, 45
- Physical Geography  
KFU - Department of Geography and Regional Science, 46
- Functional Diversity & Ecology  
KFU - Institute of Biology, 49
- Technological Environmental Protection  
TUG - Institute of Process and Particle Engineering, 71
- Wastewater Treatment, Emission of Pollutants  
TUG - Institute of Urban Water Management and Landscape Water Engineering, 73
- Sustainable Agriculture, Digitalisation  
TUG - Institute of Technical Informatics, 77
- Environmental Biotechnology  
TUG - Institute of Environmental Biotechnology, 81
- Soil Science, Environmental Research  
AAU - Human-Environment Research from a Physical-Geographical Perspective, 104



## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Climate Research

- Communication of Climate Issues  
FH-J - Inst. of Journalism and Public Relations, 16
- Risk Modelling, Forecasting Systems  
JR-LIFE, 26
- Climate Change Studies, Global Change  
KFU - Wegener Center, 31
- Geophysics, Meteorology  
KFU - Inst. of Physics, 38
- Regional Climate Studies  
KFU - RG Regional Climate, 39
- Remote Sensing, Climate System Studies  
KFU - FG ARSCISys, 40
- System Studies, Climate Change & Adaptation  
AAU - Geomorphology and Socio-Environmental Research, 103

### Climate Impact Research

- Climate Policy Strategies  
JR-LIFE, 28
- Climate-Resilient Economy, Transformation  
KFU - Climate Change Graz, 30
- Climate Economics, Climate Adaptation  
KFU - Economics of Climate & Environmental Change Research Group, 32
- Climate Economics, Social Economics  
KFU - Innovation, Diffusion & Transformation Processes Research Group, 33
- Transformation Research  
KFU - Social Complexity & System Transformation Research Group, 34
- Environmental Sociology, Behavioural Research  
KFU - Dept. of Sociology, 37
- Ethics, Social Philosophy  
KFU - Dept. of Philosophy, 41

## GREEN ELECTRICITY

### Storage / Grids

- Battery Materials, Storage, E-Mobility  
TUG - Inst. for Chemistry and Technology of Materials, 56
- Energy Technology, Grids  
TUG - Inst. of Electrical Power Systems, 58
- Flywheel Storage, Electronics, Sensor Systems  
TUG - Inst. of Electrical Measurement and Sensor Systems, 60
- Energy Saving, Energy Studies  
TUG - Inst. of Electricity Economics and Energy Innovation, 61
- Future Energy Applications and Systems  
AAU - RG Smart Grids, 99

### Generation

- Energy, Transport and Environmental Management  
FH-J - Dept. of Energy, Mobility and Environmental Management, 7
- (B)PV, Micro and Nanostructuring  
JR-MATERIALS, 24
- Sustainable Energy Innovation  
TUG - eseia Sustainable Energy Innovation Alliance, 50
- Energy Technology, Wind Turbines  
TUG - Inst. of Microwave and Photonic Engineering, 65
- Hydroelectric Power Technologies, Water Management  
TUG - Inst. of Hydraulic Engineering and Water Resources Management, 85
- Smart Material Testing  
Polymer Competence Center, 128



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